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Examiner: William L. Bashore

Group Art Unit: 2176

Reply to Final Office Action  
Dated May 13, 2005

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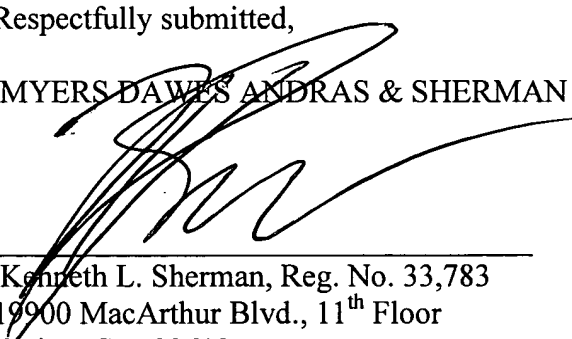
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	
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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 13, 2005**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby replies to the Final Office Action dated May 13, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.